

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A process for obtaining internal organs or adnexa from fresh fish, comprising the sequential steps of:

keeping living fish alive in an aqueous alkali solution at a pH of 8.5 to 13.0, for a time sufficient for the alkali solution to reach the internal organs and adnexa of said living fish to sterilize or control germs in said internal organs and adnexa;

either washing said living fish with water to remove the alkali solution or neutralizing said living fish;

and removing the internal organs or adnexa from said fish,

wherein said aqueous alkali solution comprises water and at least one alkali selected from the group consisting of calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, ammonium carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydrogencarbonate and potassium hydrogencarbonate.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein said living fish is selected from the group consisting of at least one salmons, trouts, herring, codfish, mullet, flying fish and globefish.

Claims 3-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein said aqueous alkali solution has a pH of 9.5 to 12.0.

Claims 8-16 (Cancelled)